Preparing to attend the Engineering & CS Career Fair

The Engineering & Computer Science Career Fair is only a week away. This is your last opportunity to be prepared for the day of the fair. Use the checklist we have provided here to make sure you are not forgetting anything.

Hopefully you already have your resume updated and ready to go. If not, go here. Having a well-prepared elevator speech will help you feel more comfortable when meeting with employers you are interested in. It’s important to customize your elevator speech to each company you hope to visit. This is where your company research comes in.

You must research the companies you hope to visit with at the fair in order to show your knowledge of them and your level of interest. The more you can talk about why you like them, the more interest they are likely to have in you.

Elevator Speech

Professional dress is important in making a first impression with an employer. We encourage everyone to wear business suits to the career fair. If you don’t have a suit, you should still look professional. Avoid jeans or casual dress.

As you prepare for the career fair, keep researching the employers you hope to meet with and keep practicing your elevator speech to build your confidence and make a great impression.

NEX WEEK:

Navigating the career fair

List of 100+ employers

Career Fair Checklist

- Updated Resume
- Elevator Speech
- Employer List
- Research Employers
- Professional Dress
- Follow-up Strategy

Also, if your target employers have jobs posted on UICareers or their website, make sure to apply before the fair.

Be sure to only visit with the employers with hiring preferences that meet your current situation. The employer list is broken down by major, degree, positions and F1 hiring status. Do not waste your time standing in the wrong line of an employer who is unable to hire you.